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EXDIS-FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ARA-WDROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), AR

SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM - SECRETARY'S TRAVEL TO

OASGA: ARGENTINE STOP - SECURITY SITUATION

IN BUENOS AIRES

1. REPEATED BELOW IS A MEMORANDUM FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF SECURITY CONCERNING YOUR PROPOSED STOP IN BUENOS AIRES. WE HAVE ASKED THE POST FOR A SEPARATE ASSESSMENT AND 'ILL REPEAT THEIR REPLY TO YOU AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED. BE-' TEXT.

-- THE POTENTIAL THREAT TO SECRETARY KISSINGER IF HE 'ERE TO TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES, AS PROJECTED, IS EXPECTED TO BE EXTREMELY HIGH. THIS IS PREDICATED ON THE LIKELIHOOD THAT WORD OF HIS VISIT WILL BE RELEASED IN SOME WAY HICH WOULD DEFINITELY PROVOKE 'OSTILE GROUPS INTO PLANNING AN ACTION AGAINST THE SECRETARY.

-- TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS REMAIN VERY STRONG IN  
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NUMBERS AND COMBATANTS IN BUENOS AIRES AND IN SEVERAL

OTHER AREAS OF ARGENTINA. POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS AND KIDNAPPINGS HAVE CONTINUED UNABATED "INCE THE RECENT OVERTHROW OF MRS. PERON. THE TERRORIST ALLEGEDLY POSSESS A HAND-HELD ROCKET LAUNCHER. THEY HAVE, IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT PAST, ATTACKED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS,

A COMMERCIAL FACTORY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BUENOS AIRES AND COMMITTED A HOST OF OTHER VIOLENT ACTS.

-- IN THE EVENT THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRE HIS PRESENCE IN BUENOS AIRES, IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE FOR THE SECRETARY TO OVERNIGHT IN BUENOS AIRES. END SY MEMO. SISCO

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